

Growing Baldock

Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Text
Chapter 3: Policy Context



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3.1 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1.1 This chapter has been prepared by DLA and provides a short update on the relevant policy context to the Proposed Development that informs the ES, under Regulation 25 of the EIA Regulations.
- 3.1.2 The ES was submitted in October 2025 and as such, the policy context set out within the original submission remains up to date. The draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was subsequently published for consultation in December 2025.

3.2 UPDATED POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.2.1 As outlined within the ES Addendum submitted in February 2026, given the draft status of the revised NPPF at the time of preparing the ES Addendum, it is not anticipated that the emerging amendments will have material implications for the Proposed Development or for the assessment presented in this ES Addendum submitted under Regulation 25 of the EIA Regulations.
- 3.2.2 In addition, North Herts Council has published the new Local Plan Scoping Consultation for consideration. It is not anticipated that this would have any material impacts on the Proposed Development, nor the assessment within this ES Addendum.